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SUBJ: REGIONAL DEA DIRECTOR'S DISCUSSIONS WITH DANISH
POLICE OFFICIALS

1. DURING BRIEF VISIT TO COPENHAGEN, DEA REGIONAL
DIRECTOR PICINI AND HIS DEPUTY DEFAUW, ACCOMPANIED
BY DCM AND AGENTS FOREITER AND MANGOR, CALLED ON TOP
DANISH POLICE OFFICIALS. PRESENT WRE PAUL EEFSSEN,
POLICE COMMISSIONER OF COPENHAGEN, HIS DEPUTY OLE
NORGAARD, VOLMER NISSEN, CHIEF PROSECUTOR, AND
PAUL GUIGUIN, CHIEF OF NARCOTICS SECTION.

2. PICINI COMMENDED DANES FOR THEIR COOPERATION IN
CRACKING DOWN ON INTERNATIONAL NARCOTICS TRAFFIC.
HE NOTED THE RAPID INCREASE IN THE USE OF
SCANDINAVIA AS A TRANSIT POINT FOR NARCOTICS
SMUGGLING. THIS INCREASE REQUIRED IN TURN A GREATER
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EFFORT IN THE NARCOTICS INTELLIGENCE-GATHERING CAPACITY
OF THE EUROPEAN COUNTRIES CONCERNED. PARTICULARLY
NEEDED WERE NEW FORMS OF REGIONAL COOPERATION
AMONG THE EC AND NORDIC COUNTRIES.

3. EEFSSEN REPLIED THAT DENMARK WAS COOPERATING
TO THE LIMIT OF ITS PRESENT MANPOWER BUT COULD

DO NO MORE WITHOUT FAR LARGER RESOURCES. THE DANES APPRECIATED THE NARCOTICS INTELLIGENCE GIVEN THEM BY DEA, WHICH HAD OFTEN RESULTED IN HEROIN SEIZURES AND ARRESTS. HOWEVER, GIVEN THE POLITICAL CLIMATE IN DENMARK, THE NEW AND RELAXED REGULATIONS AMONG EC COUNTRIES CONCERNING TOURISM, AND THE GENERAL ATTITUDE OF THE DANISH PUBLIC, EEFSSEN THOUGHT THAT IT WOULD BE ALMOST IMPOSSIBLE TO TIGHTEN UP CUSTOMS AND IMMIGRATION PROCEDURES AT PORTS OF ENTRY.

4. PICINI REPLIED THAT HE UNDERSTOOD THIS PROBLEM AND THAT THIS PROVED ALL THE MORE THE NEED TO HAVE ACCURATE INTELLIGENCE ON SPECIFIC INDIVIDUALS ENGAGED IN THE NARCOTICS TRADE. THE POLICE COULD THEN ZERO IN ON THESE INDIVIDUALS AND NOT BE FACED WITH THE PROBLEM OF CHECKING EVERYONE COMING INTO THE COUNTRY.

5. THE DCM NOTED THE RISE IN THE USE OF HEROIN IN DENMARK AS EVIDENCED IN RECENT NEWSPAPER ARTICLES STIMULATED BY DANISH NARCOTICS AGENTS. EEFSSEN ATTRIBUTED THIS TO THE VERY RAPID INCREASE IN THE NUMBER OF CHINESE IMMIGRANTS AND VISITORS. UNTIL A FEW MONTHS AGO ONLY 200 CHINESE HAD LIVED IN COPENHAGEN, BUT WITHIN THE PAST THREE MONTHS 1500 MORE HAD ARRIVED FROM HONG KONG WITH BRITISH PASSPORTS AND MANY OF THESE HAD ALREADY SETTLED HERE, OPENING RESTAURANTS, ETC. EEFSSEN SAID IT WAS LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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VERY HARD TO SURVEY OR CONTROL THIS GROUP, HE NOTED THAT THE DEATH RATE IN 1976 FROM HARD DRUGS IN DENMARK WAS APPROX 80, COMPARED TO ABOUT 300 IN THE FRG, WHERE THE POPULATION IS TEN TIMES AS GREAT. NEVERTHELESS, EEFSSEN HAD BEEN UNABLE TO GET THE "POLITICIANS" AND MEMBERS OF THE VARIOUS MINISTRIES TO FOCUS ON THE PROBLEM AND THEY HAD TURNED DOWN HIS SUGGESTION THAT A STUDY BE MADE OF THE SOCIAL COSTS TO DENMARK OF NARCOTICS.

6. PICINI THEN OUTLINED FOR THE DANES HOW THE "FRENCH CONNECTION" HAD BEEN BROKEN THROUGH CLOSE COOPERATION BY THE US, FRANCE AND CANADA. THE SAME THING HAD APPLIED TO TURKEY, AND EVEN IN MOROCCO SOME PROGRESS HAS BEEN MADE ON THE HASHISH PROBLEM. PICINI FELT THAT IF THE RIGHT MEASURES WERE TAKEN, THE SAME TYPE OF COOPERATION COULD RESULT IN A DRASTIC REDUCTION IN THE IMPORTATION

OF FAR EASTERN HEROIN, 80 PERCENT OF WHICH IS SOLD
IN EUROPE. THIS COULD ONLY BE DONE, HOWEVER, IF
THE LEAD WERE TAKEN BY THE EUROPEAN COUNTRIES.

7. THE MEETING CONCLUDED WITH AN AGREEMENT TO
CONTINUE THE CLOSE WORKING COOPERATION BETWEEN
THE DANISH AUTHORITIES AND THE AMERICAN EMBASSY.
PICINI SAID THAT DEA WOULD SUPPORT THE DANISH
EFFORTS IN EVERY WAY POSSIBLE AND WOULD KEEP
THE DANES ADVISED OF NEW DEVELOPMENTS, PARTICULARLY
ON THE CHINESE HEROIN PROBLEM.
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